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Shigeo TSUJII, et al.

Serial No: 09/489,696

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Filed:

January 14, 2000

For: SECRET KEY GENERATION METHOD,

ENCRYPTION METHOD,

CRYPTOGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS METHOD, COMMON KEY GENERATOR, CRYPTOGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEM, AND RECORDING MEDIA

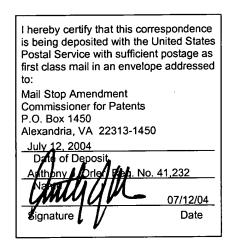
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In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, the time for response to which is extended 1 month(s) by the accompanying petition from May 12, 2004 to June 12, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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